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SUBJECT: NORDIC FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING

THE FOLLOWING IS THE COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT THE CONCLUSION  
OF THE NORDIC FOREIGN MINISTERS IN COPENHAGEN APRIL 4-5,  
1974.

THE FOREIGN MINISTERS NOTED THAT THE INTERNATIONAL  
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SITUATION WAS UNDERGOING MARKED CHANGES HOLDING OUT HOPES

FOR MORE PEACEFUL DEVELOPMENTS BUT ALSO PRESENTING ELEMENTS OF UNCERTAINTY.

WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO DETENTE IN EUROPE, THEY NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THE PROGRESS MADE DURING THE SECOND PHASE IN GENEVA OF THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE. THE FOREIGN MINISTERS EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THIS WORK COULD BE CONCLUDED WITH SATISFACTORY RESULTS IN CONFORMITY WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED DURING THE FIRST PHASE OF THE CONFERENCE. THEY ALSO EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE DELIBERATIONS COULD BE BROUGHT TO AN END SO AS TO ALLOW THE TRANSITION TO THE THIRD PHASE IN HELSINKI AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

THE MINISTERS WERE AGREED THAT THE PROCESS OF POLITICAL DETENTE SHOULD BE STRENGTHENED AND ACCOMPANIED BY MEASURES OF DETENTE IN THE MILITARY FIELD AS WELL. IN THIS CONTEXT THE MINISTERS NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THAT THE TALKS IN VIENNA ON FORCE REDUCTIONS HAD NOW BEEN INITIATED, AND THEY EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THESE TALKS MAY YIELD RESULTS CONDUCIVE TO INCREASED SECURITY IN EUROPE.

THE FOREIGN MINISTERS EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION MAY REACH AGREEMENT ON TREATIES IMPOSING FURTHER LIMITATIONS ON STRATEGIC WEAPONS SYSTEMS.

THE MINISTERS CONFIRMED THE WILL OF THE NORDIC COUNTRIES TO SUPPORT AND PROMOTE INTERNATIONAL MEASURES IN THE CAUSE OF ARMAMENTS CONTROL AND DISARMEMENT. THEY CONSIDERED IT OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE THAT AGREEMENT BE REACHED ON A COMPLETE TEST BAN TREATY AND ON PROHIBITION OF THE DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION AND STOCKPILING OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS.

THE FOREIGN MINISTERS FOUND THAT THE MOST RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST - IN SPITE OF THE FACT THAT THE SITUATION REMAINS EXTREMELY SERIOUS AND FRAUGHT WITH DANGER - HOLD OUT PROSPECTS FOR AN OVERALL SOLUTION IN CONFORMITY WITH SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 242(1967)

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AND 338(1973). THE MINISTERS NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THE AGREEMENT REACHED BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL ON THE DIS-ENGAGEMENT OF TROOPS. THEY STATED THAT THE NORDIC COUNTRIES FULLY ENDORSE THE INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS THAT ARE BEING MADE TO BRING ABOUT FURTHER ACCORDS WHICH MAY LEAD TO A JUST AND LASTING PEACE. IN THIS CONNECTION THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIANS SHOULD ALSO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.

THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF DENMARK FOR HIS PART FURTHER REFERRED TO THE DECLARATION OF NOVEMBER 6, 1973, ADOPTED BY THE NINE MEMBER STATES OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY.

THE FOREIGN MINISTERS STRESSED THE PARTICULAR ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT AND EXPRESSED THEIR APPRECIATION OF THE CONTRIBUTION WHICH UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPING FORCES ARE MAKING TO THE MAINTENANCE OF THE CEASEFIRE. MOREOVER, THE MINISTERS STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE VALUABLE RELIEF WORK OF UNRWA.

THE FOREIGN MINISTERS REAFFIRMED THE WILL OF THE NORDIC COUNTRIES TO ASSIST, WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE UNITED NATION, IN BRINGING ABOUT CONSTRUCTIVE CONTRIBUTIONS IN DELIBERATIONS ON THE UNRESOLVED PROBLEMS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. THEY NOTED THAT THE SITUATION IN THE TERRITORIES UNDER PORTUGUESE ADMINISTRATION, IN RHODESIA, IN NAMIBIA AND IN SOUTH AFRICA HAD BECOME FURTHER AGGRAVATED. THEY CONFIRMED THAT THE NORDIC COUNTRIES WOULD CONTINUE TO SUPPORT INTENSIFIED INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS AGAINST RACIST AND COLONIAL POLICIES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

WITH REFERENCE TO SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 322 (1972) THE MINISTERS FOUND IT IMPORTANT THAT THE GREATEST POSSIBLE NUMBER OF STATES TRY TO PREVAIL UPON PORTUGAL TO RELINQUISH ITS COLONIAL POLICY AND ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS WITH THE AIM OF ENABLING THE PEOPLES TO FREELY EXERCISE THEIR RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION IN CONFORMITY WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER. NOT LEAST, THE DEVELOPMENTS IN GUINEA-BISSAU HAVE CONFIRMED THE NEED FOR SUCH A CHANGE IN THE POLICY OF PORTUGAL.

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THEY WELCOMED THE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE WHICH VARIOUS UNITED NATIONS ORGANS ARE NOW OFFERING TO THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AND STATED THAT THE NORDIC COUNTRIES WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE.

THE MINISTERS EXCHANGED VIEWS ON THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONVENED BY THE UNITED NATIONS ON PROBLEMS CONCERNING RAW MATERIALS AND DEVELOPMENT. THEY APPRECIATED THAT OPPORTUNITY THUS OFFERED FOR CONSTRUCTIVE DISCUSSION OF CURRENT ECONOMIC PROBLEMS BY MEMBER STATES OF THE UNITED NATIONS. THEY AGREED THAT THE OBJECTIVE OF THE SESSION SHOULD BE TO FORMULATE GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE PRINCIPLES FOR GLOBAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND TO SUGGEST A PROGRAMME OF ACTION. THE MINISTERS FOUND IT DESIRABLE THAT THE SESSION SHOULD BECOME

THE FIRST STEP TOWARDS A BETTER ORGANIZED EXPLOITATION OF THE WORLD'S RESOURCES. THEY WERE SYMPATHETIC TO THE STRIVING OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, CONTROL OF AND INCREASED PROFIT FROM OWN RESOURCES. IT WAS A MATTER FOR CONCERN THAT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES POOR IN RAW MATERIALS SAW THEIR DEVELOPMENT PLANS REDUCED AS A RESULT OF SHARPLY RISING PRICES OF CERTAIN RAW MATERIALS AND TO SOME DEGREE OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS AS WELL. THE MINISTERS RECOGNIZED THE JUSTIFICATION OF CHANGES IN THE PRICE RELATIONS OF RAW MATERIALS AND MANUFACTURES BUT ALSO STRESSED THAT THE REQUIRED ECONOMIC RESTRUCTURING PROCESS IN COUNTRIES IMPORTING RAW MATERIALS REQUIRED TIME AND THAT OVERLY STEEP PRICE CHANGES MIGHT PROVOKE EFFECTS THAT WOULD BE HARMFUL TO THE ENTIRE WORLD ECONOMY. THE MINISTERS EMPHASISED THEIR WILL TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE SOLUTION OF THE NEWLY EMERGED PROBLEMS GIVING SPECIAL CONSIDERATION FOR THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH ARE PARTICULARLY HARD HIT.

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THE MINISTERS FOUND THAT PEACE AND A POLITICAL SOLUTION HAD NOT YET BEEN ACHIEVED IN VIETNAM ONE YEAR AFTER THE SIGNING OF THE PARIS AGREEMENTS. THEY POINTED OUT THAT THE PEACE AGREEMENTS SHOULD BE CLOSELY ADHERED TO BY ALL PARTIES. THE MINISTERS DEEPLY REGRETTED THE DIFFICULT SITUATION WHICH CONTINUES TO PREVAIL FOR THE LARGE NUMBER OF POLITICAL PRISONERS. THEY WERE HOPEFUL THAT THE CIVIL WAR IN CAMBODIA WOULD BE REPLACED BY A PEACE THAT WILL GUARANTEE UNITY AND INDEPENDENCE FOR THAT COUNTRY. THE MINISTERS WERE SATISFIED WITH THE IMPROVED SITUATION IN UNCLASSIFIED

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LAOS. THEY REITERATED THEIR DESIRE FOR INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS IN THE RECONSTRUCTION OF INDOCHINA.

THE MINISTERS EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE NUMEROUS VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS STILL WITNESSED IN MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD. IN THIS CONTEXT THEY VOICED DEEP WORRY AT DEVELOPMENTS IN CHILE AND EXPRESSED THEIR HOPE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE WOULD IMMEDIATELY HALT ITS PERSECUTION OF POLITICAL OPPONENTS AND SET FREE POLITICAL PRISONERS. THE MINISTERS HOPED THAT THE UNITED NATIONS THIRD CONFERENCE ON THE LAW OF THE SEA, TO BE HELD IN CARACAS, VENEZUELA, DURING THE PERIOD JUNE 20 - AUGUST 29, 1974 WOULD PRODUCE SOLUTIONS TO THE MANY OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS CONCERNING THE LAW OF THE SEA, INCLUDING, NOT LEAST, THE DELIMITATION OF TERRITORIAL WATERS, THE RIGHTS OF COASTAL STATES OVER NATURAL RESOURCES IN ADJACENT AREAS, THE FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION AND RIGHT TO PASS THROUGH TERRITORIAL WATERS AND INTERNATIONAL STRAITS. THE MINISTERS REASSERTED THE IMPORTANCE OF A CONFIRMATION BY THE CONFERENCE TO THE EFFECT THAT THE INTERNATIONAL SEABED-AREA SHOULD BE EXPLOITED FOR THE COMMON GOOD AND THAT FIRM OUTER LIMITS SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED FOR NATIONAL JURISDICTION.

THERE WAS AGREEMENT THAT THE EXISTING CLOSE COOPERATION AMONG THE NORDIC COUNTRIES IN MATTERS CONCERNING THE LAW OF THE SEA WOULD BE CONTINUED DURING THE FORTHCOMING UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE IN CARACAS ON THE LAW OF THE SEA.

THE MINISTERS NOTED THE RESULTS ACHIEVED SO

FAR IN THE FIRST PHASE OF THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW APPLICABLE IN ARMED CONFLICTS WHICH SWITZERLAND TOOK THE INITIATIVE TO HOLD IN GENEVA DURING THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 20- MARCH 29, 1974. THEY WELCOMED THE RESOLUTION THAT THE SECOND PHASE OF THE CONFERENCE WILL START IN GENEVA ON FEBRUARY 3, 1975. THEY STRESSED THE NEED FOR STRENGTHENING AND FURTHER DEVELOPING THE RULES FOR STRENGTHENING AND FURTHER DEVELOPING THE RULES OF INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW APPLICABLE IN ARMED CONFLICTS SO THAT BOTH THE CIVILIAN UNCLASSIFIED

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POPULATION, PRISONERS-OF-WAR AND THE PARTIES TO THE CONFLICT WILL ENJOY BETTER PROTECTION IN ALL FORMS OF ARMED CONFLICT.

THE MEETING WAS ATTENDED BY THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF DENMARK, MR. OVE GULDBERG; THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF FINLAND, MR. AHTI KARJALAINEN; THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF ICELAND, MR. EINAR AUGSTSSON; THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF NORWAY, MR. KNUT FRYDENLUND; AND THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF SWEDEN, MR. SVEN ANDERSSON.

AT THE INVITATION OF THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF ICELAND THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MINISTERS FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS WILL TAKE PLACE IN REKJAVIK ON AUGUST 29-30, 1974.  
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